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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4705S.01I
Bill No.: SB 975
Subject: Civil Procedure; Evidence; Liability; Medical Procedures and Personnel
Type: Original
Date: April 6, 2022

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to the admissibility of evidence of collateral source payments.

FISCAL SUMMARY

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2023 | FY 2024 | FY 2025 |
| | | | |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2023 | FY 2024 | FY 2025 |
| | | | |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2023 | FY 2024 | FY 2025 |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2023 | FY 2024 | FY 2025 |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE | 0 | 0 | 0 |

- Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.
- Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2023 | FY 2024 | FY 2025 |
| | | | |
| Local Government | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§490.715 – Collateral Source Rule

In response to similar legislation from this year, HB 1715, officials at the **Office of Administration (OA)** stated this section changes the requirements for admissible evidence of the amount billed for medical care and treatment in cases wherein a plaintiff seeks to recover for personal injury, bodily injury, or death. This provision has the potential to result in cost avoidance to the state Legal Expense Fund for actions alleging negligence against a state employee, if this legislation results in a reduction in the dollar amount of admissible evidence in claims against the state.

If a claim were successfully brought against a state agency, the Legal Expense Fund could be required to pay such claim or claims. The number of potential claims, the severity of those claims, and the ultimate costs associated with any settlement or judgment resulting from those claims cannot be forecasted with any degree of assurance to their accuracy.

The state self-assumes its own liability under the state Legal Expense Fund, Section 105.711, RSMo. It is a self-funding mechanism whereby funds are made available for the payment of any claim or judgment rendered against the state in regard to the waivers of sovereign immunity or against employees and specified and individuals. Investigation, defense, negotiation or settlement of such claims is provided by the Office of the Attorney General. Payment is made by the Commissioner of Administration with the approval of the Attorney General.

OA—General Services assumes that no state employee or agency would be in violation, and the proposal would thus have no fiscal impact upon OA—General Services. However, should that assumption prove incorrect, this proposal could result in cost avoidance to the Legal Expense Fund.

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator**, the **Department of Commerce and Insurance**, the **Department of Health and Senior Services**, the **Department of Mental Health** and the **Department of Social Services** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these agencies.

In response to similar legislation from this year, HB 1715, officials from the **Attorney General's Office** assumed the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note.

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u> | FY 2023 (10 Mo.) | FY 2024 | FY 2025 |
|---|---------------------|------------|------------|
| | | | |
| | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u> | FY 2023 (10 Mo.) | FY 2024 | FY 2025 |
|---|---------------------|------------|------------|
| | | | |
| | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

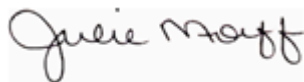
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no direct fiscal impact.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of Administration
Office of the State Courts Administrator
Attorney General's Office
Department of Commerce and Insurance
Department of Health and Senior Services
Department of Mental Health
Department of Social Services



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